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Stockport

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Ipswich

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in some cases, treatment is available together with speech therapy

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FRONT COVER PRINTING CHRISTMAS CARDS

It is not the usual practice for Christmas cards to be printed in the open air but the two young spastics hard at work seem to find their unaccustomed situation quite delightful. After all, autumn is the time for preparation in readiness for the seasonal rush, so why let those golden russet days pass unnoticed?

On page 17 there is more news of these and other cards.

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by Ian Cunningham



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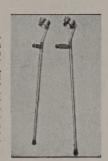


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Courtesy: Derbyshire Times

The official opening of Pine Bank, the Chesterfield Centre in Abercrombie Street, took place on the lawn. Heavy skies and threat of rain did not daunt the visitors or the officials on the platform.

Chesterfield's Centre Now Open

One of the first resolutions made by the committee of Chesterfield and District Spastics' Society at its formation in 1954, was realised on Saturday, October 1. Their day centre for spastic children was officially opened by their president, Mr. George Kenning.

The centre has been operating successfully since early July. Sixteen children attend regularly and receive treatment and training from the specialist staff, who were obtained with the help of local medical and welfare bodies. As attendance increases, the full-time staff of four, including a physiotherapist, will be extended to include a speech and an occupational therapist.

Local support for the Society has been very strong. The appeal launched in 1955 for £10,000 has now topped the £17,000 mark. This enabled them to purchase and equip Pine Bank, which was formerly a nursing home and ideal for their purpose. Mr. N. H. Boone, chairman of the centre management committee, says that the next step is the provision of facilities for adults and that there is ample room at Pine Bank to build another centre.

The invaluable task of caring for some of the 74 spastics known to live in the Chesterfield area, has begun.

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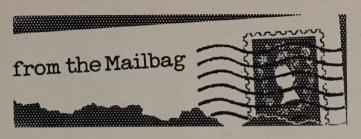
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LETTER FROM NEW YORK

Dear Editor.

This is the last week of the course on Cerebral Palsy and the time has been crammed full of visits to hospitals and clinics in and around New York. One C.P. Unit which especially interested me was the one at Nassau, which had its beginnings in much the same way as our unit at Poole. I hope to go to Canada next week to see some spastics' units there, and then return to visit units in Maryland and Delaware.

I find here in America that they are apt to be a little pedantic and verbose! but am surprised how tolerant they

are about other people's views and findings.

I am enjoying every moment of my stay here. Kruschev arrives here tomorrow, and there is much unrest and many procession and banners saying "Go home Kruschev" or "We don't want murderers here," etc. I wonder what the outcome will be?

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely, (Mrs.) E. M. NIX-JAMES, Poole & Bournemouth & District Spastics Centre.

[Mrs. Nix-James attended the Eighth World Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples held in New York from August 28—September 2. Doctors, members of the auxilliary medical services, social workers and laymen and women were among the 5,000 delegates who attended—Ed.]

DARESBURY OPENING

Dear Editor,

I spent a wonderful day at Daresbury Hall for the official opening and was very impressed with the centre and its delightful surroundings, especially the new work-rooms.

My son, Douglas, is at Daresbury and is so happy there. Under the patient tuition of members of the staff he has learnt to paint with his foot, and it gives him great pleasure to be able to occupy himself in this way.

I can never cease to be grateful to the many people who work so hard for this worthy cause, may God's blessing rest

on them all.

Yours sincerely, (Mrs.) LANGFORD, East Ham.

THANK YOU ILFORD

Dear Editor,

Through the medium of your columns I should like to say how much I appreciate the great help and kindness I have received from Mrs. C. McCaul, the secretary of the Ilford & District Spastics' Association, since I joined them a short while ago.

Knowing my inability to work, Mrs. McCaul arranged the loan of a typewriter for me, to enable me to make a little spare cash by writing. Also, through her efforts, I now have

a tricycle which makes it far easier for me to get about and outings and activities which would otherwise be an impossibility for us are arranged for the members of our group.

For all these things, from the depth of my heart, I should like to say thank you, and I know this sentiment is echoed by all the members of the Ilford and District Spastics' Association.

Yours sincerely, L. W. MORRIS, ESQ., Ilford, Essex.

SOCIAL WORK

Dear Editor.

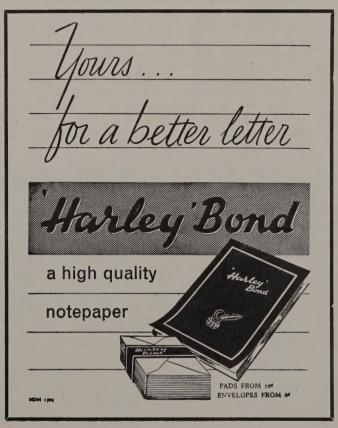
One sees at various times articles printed in the SPASTICS NEWS which prove conclusively what an excellent job of work the different departments at headquarters are doing.

There is, however, one section about which we hear very little, and it is for this reason that I should like to pay particular tribute to the work done by Miss E. Townsend and her helpers.

I know from experience that many of the cases with which the Senior Social Worker has to deal are helpless and hopeless, and to find some Home willing to accept these cases, if only for a short term stay, is often most difficult.

May we hope that in the not too distant future, the N.S.S. will see fit to provide a permanent home for these children who are both mentally and physically handicapped, for surely their need and that of those who care for them, should be given prior consideration.

Yours sincerely, PHYLLIS M. WOLFF, Hon. Secretary, Nottingham Group.



COUNTRY WIDE From our roving reporter





When it's "All aboard" it doesn't matter how you get there as long as you do get on

Twelve children from the Thomas Delarue School at Tonbridge enjoyed a good start to their term by flying to Calais for a two-day sightseeing trip. As guests of the Silver City Airways they left Lydd Airport and were greeted at Calais in true V.I.P. manner before driving to the Hotel Sauvage.

Their schedule was tightly packed and included visits to Wissant and Argres as well as meeting the Mayor of Calais, M. Jacques Vendroux, who is brother-in-law to General De Gaulle and a French M.P. He presented them with souvenirs.

Silver City Airways and the customs officials all helped to make the journeys as smooth as possible

Courtesy: Tonbridge Free Press

Eighth World Congress

Dr. Jacques Hariga, a young Belgian neurologist, who spent some time in this country visiting the Society's centres,

has written this report from New York:

"The Eighth World Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples under the presidency of Howard A. Rusk, M.D., was held in New York during the last week of August.

"Its general theme 'Rehabilitation and World Peace' under-

lined the need for co-operation.

"For the first time, cerebral palsy was devoted a part of the scientific activities and, during a whole session, different aspects were discussed. What appears to be essential in any attempt of rehabilitation is the need for individual effort and contribution in a general atmosphere of friendship and understanding.

"Particular attention was given to the various aspects concerning employment of the handicapped and a commemorative stamp was issued in the United States in this regard.

"We were all delighted by the warm hospitality we received and, when the Mayor of New York and Mrs. R. Wagner welcomed their guests, all the Congress members, in their beautiful colonial home situated on the East

River, everyone felt that the Congress would be successful, offering an opportunity to see, to learn and to build." The commemorative stamp is reproduced here. Any philatelist-stamp collector to the uninitiated-who would like this stamp (unfortunately the roving reporter only brought back one), should write in to Country Wide extolling the virtues of stamp collecting. The winning letter will be pub-



Transport Facilities for the Disabled

Another delegate to the New York conference was Mr. Oswald Denly, M.B.E., founder and chairman of the Invalid Tricycle Association which has 4,000 members. He read a paper on "Transport Facilities for the Disabled in Great Britain".

The picture shows him at the airport in his Everest and Jennings 8-in. castor model folding chair, which he used to transfer from his manually controlled Mini-minor at the terminal building to the aircraft. The chair travelled with him

and another British baby car, with lefthand drive and manual controls, awaited him for his use while in New York.

Completely paralysed from the waist down as a result of polio, he made light however, of his handicap and of his long transat-lantic journey. "Physical disability need no longer be a barrier to a full life in Britain," he said.



lished next month.



Courtesy: The Northern Echo

Like people, marrow comes in all shapes and sizes. Who would have thought that the tiny 1 oz. vegetable held by Rita McNeal on the right belonged to the same family as the giant 22 lb. one held by Carol Ward. Someone in the family must have inherited a greedy nature!

These two and many more were auctioned recently at a marrow show held in Wrelton, near Pickering, Durham. The money went

to the spastics' fund

Christine at Clacton

For the past five summer seasons little Christine has stood silently on the end of Clacton Pier collecting money for spastics. Every year the total, dropped into her box by generous holiday-makers and local residents, has grown larger and has now reached £1,020.

Christine is, of course, the Society's two-thirds life-size collecting doll. She stands on the pier at the invitation of Mr. Kingsman, managing director of the Clacton Pier

Company.

"We are very grateful indeed," said Mr. A. W. Overland,

supervisor of the Society's box collections, "for the privilege accorded to us by Mr. Kingsman and to those who have given generously and enabled us to collect such a magnificent sum. Needless to say, we are looking forward to next season and to hitting our new target of £2,000."

Another "Pastry" pool is opened, this time at Mote Road, Maidstone. Mr. Pastry himself, together with Lord Blossom, who performed the official opening, help a little girl into the water for her first dip.

Note: The man in the left-hand corner of the picture seems to be the only visitor suitably attired for such an

occasion

Courtesy: Kent Messenger

Sheltered Workshops—£1M Project

The N.S.S. is to build a sheltered workshop in Birmingham to train and employ 120 adult spastics. It will be the first of its kind in Britain and will provide sheltered working conditions for those who may never be fit to take their place in normal industry. One hundred of the spastics will live in hostel accommodation to be built nearby and the remainder will come from local families.

"This ambitious project," said Dr. C. P. Stevens, Director of the Society, "is part of a long-term programme aimed at helping those afflicted with cerebral palsy to take a useful and active part in everyday life. The workshop and hostels

will eventually cost the Society nearly $\pounds_{\frac{1}{4}}$ million.

The 36,000 square-foot factory will have ideal working conditions for spastics. It will be equipped with modern machine tools and production aids to carry out light machining, pressing, welding and sheet-metal work. Printing, woodwork, glass fibre and plastic moulding will also be undertaken in addition to electric and electronic work. A spacious canteen, rest rooms and medical facilities are planned.

The factory's output will include products for direct sale as well as sub-assembly contracts. It will be built at Garretts

Green, Birmingham.

The hostels, two for men and one for women, are to be built within half-a-mile of the workshops in a modern housing estate, Meadway, which has all social amenities. They will be well-equipped and have single bedrooms, a common room, dining and games rooms and a quiet room in addition to a television room and a guest room for visitors and friends. Each hostel will have its own manager and domestic staff.

Colwall Court Open for Christmas

During the autumn and winter, as was announced in the September issue, Colwall Court is being used to run a further education course for 18 adolescent spastics.

However, arrangements have been made for guests to be accepted over Christmas and the New Year.

Applications to be made to the Manager at Colwall Court, Pages Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Ilford: A football match between the TV All Stars' XI and the Bermondsey Sportsmen took place at the Kearley and Tonge sports ground, Eastern Avenue, recently. The All Stars' team included many famous television personalities. Proceeds of the match went to the N.S.S.

Great Yarmouth: A project to raise £20,000 to help adult spastics was discussed at a meeting of the Norfolk and Norwich Spastics' Association. Mr. G. F. Howard, secretary of the association said that they were determined to raise the money to build a workshop during the coming year.

Glasgow: Who says that today's teenagers are not the tops? A group of young people recently held a dance in aid of the Glasgow Spastics' Association in the Couper Institute, Catcart.

Bristol: At a meeting of the Bristol Spastics' Association held recently the winter £15,000 appeal drive was launched. Said Mr. S. I. Gass, the association's publicity officer, "We need £4,000 to maintain our Stratton Street centre and another £4,000 to open a new work centre at Dovercourt Road, Horfield, where we hope to employ spastics in productive work." Dr. R. C. Wofinden, Medical Officer of Health for Bristol, addressed the meeting, which was held at the Building Centre, Colston Avenue. He appealed for people not to let spastics down by leaving them with nothing to do after they had been given hope as children and trained. The new centre, he said, would have a pioneering feature, for it would be the first to provide work for severe cases. One of the features in the association's appeals programme is the mile of pennies which will be arranged in Bristol's Park Street.

Swansea: Swansea and District Spastics' Association, which was formed eight years ago, recently decided to embark on the provision of a new sheltered workshop at Longfields, West Cross, which already accommodates 18 young children in the day nursery. The new workshop for adult and adolescent spastics will cost £8,000 and will cater for 20 trainees from Swansea and the surrounding district. It is hoped to have the new building ready by next spring. The association recently made its annual appeal, and fixed a target of £1,000.

Norwich: The wide variety of work that can be undertaken by handicapped people, and the high standard that they can attain, was strikingly demonstrated at an exhibition at Yarmouth Town Hall. The exhibition, organised by Yarmouth Rotary Club through its Vocational Service Committee, was opened by Lady Bacon, who said that she thought there was a growing awareness of public duty and helpfulness towards handicapped people in this country, of which the exhibition was an example. The N.S.S. was one of the many organisations which submitted stands.

Hull: Few of us would envy the treasurer's task, but there are occasions when even her job can be extremely pleasant. For instance, it was a very happy treasurer indeed who totted up the proceeds of the barbecue and dance organised by the

Hull and District Friends of the Spastics' Society and held at the Duke of Cumberland Hotel, North Ferriby. They came to more than £253 and most of it is being earmarked for the holiday home for spastics at Bridlington.

Newcastle-on-Tyne: At the annual meeting of the management committee of the Percey Hedley Centre, the chairman, Alderman J. Gray, said that considerable progress had been made with the centre's development. New extensions to the school had been opened, and it would now accommodate 72 children, including 40 boarders. The work of the outpatients clinic continued to increase and more than 2,600 attendances were made by children from all the northern counties. At the day work centre at Longbenton, older members produced, among other things, clay work and wire coat hangers, for pocket money.

An important development was the purchase of a house opposite the school. A day work centre and clubroom were to be built in the grounds of the house, which would be used as a hostel for patients living some distance away from the centre.

Brighton: A landmark in the work of the Brighton, Hove and District Spastics' Society was the opening of their centre, Hamilton House, on a full five-day week basis. At the moment there are 12 adults and seven children in the centre. The adult handicrafts class, under Mrs. Washer, have been busy preparing excellent things for sale at the Michaelmas Fair.

Another important event was the delivery of the centre's own specially adapted minibus. Hove Lions were responsible for the initial contribution of £10 towards the cost of the much-needed vehicle, and a separate appeal has now been started to clear the residue on it.

Rotherham: While many charitable organisations in Rawmarsh receive a certain amount of publicity, one lesser-known group of workers plod cheerfully along with their task of helping less fortunate people, and very rarely get into the limelight. Formed only in recent years, the Rawmarsh and Parkgate Spastics' Society works continually towards helping the small number of child and adult spastics in Rawmarsh. They are badly in need of voluntary workers to help them in their task and it is hoped that in future local people will not be diffident about offering their services.

Kidderminster: The Kidderminster and District Spastics' Association acknowledges with grateful thanks the splendid sum of £212 10s. 1d. collected on their flag day.

Middlesbrough: As well as being a spastic, 17-year-old Paul Nicholas is also deaf, but despite these handicaps he gained his G.C.E. in history and biology. There is further merit in this achievement as Paul had only been attending Stainsby School for the morning sessions. He aims to study commercial design. Drawings and paintings have always interested Paul, and four years ago he had a painting accepted

for the International Handicrafts, Homecrafts and Hobbies Exhibition in London.

Chertsey: A £30,000 centre for 49 spastic children from Chertsey, Woking, Walton, Guildford and Godalming is to be built at Chertsey. Construction is expected to start early next year. It will take the place of the present Worplesdon Day Centre. Almost all the money for its erection and furnishing is being raised by donations and money-raising functions and about £25,000 has already been collected or promised.

Chelsea: It was no surprise to Mrs. Lucille Iremonger, novelist wife of Tom Iremonger, M.P. for Ilford North, when a film company turned up on the doorstep of her Queen Anne House in Chelsea one morning. Film companies are often working round that area and in this instance were shooting the N.S.S. film "Every Eight Hours", which was televised on B.B.C. television on September 29. Mrs. Iremonger, in the film, is the person who puts money in a collection box when a Spastics collection worker knocks on her door. She said, "The Society benefited quite a bit by the time rehearsals were over."

Bolton: Bolton Welfare Committee wants to spend £1,400 a year on keeping a crafts centre for disabled people open five days a week at the Margaret Gregg Social Centre, Green-lane. At present, disabled people can go to the centre only one day a week. They have found it such a valuable facility that Bolton Spastics' Association approached the Welfare Committee to find out if it could be extended.

Coventry: A cheque for £50 from the Green Heath Conservative and Unionist Club, Coventry, was presented to the Coventry and District Spastics' Society recently. The cheque, the proceeds of a fruit and vegetable show was handed by the club president, Mr. W. Erle Shanks, to Mrs. Betty Heritage, chairman of the Society. She told members that there were now five residents at the society's home at Penderels, Meriden.

Liverpool: The Duchess of Gloucester is to visit the new spastics' centre at Maelor General Hospital, Wrexham, on November 17

Guildford: Highlight of the fourth annual Worplesdon and district horse show, held at Gosden Hill Farm, Guildford, was some exhibition jumping by Mr. David Barker, a member of Great Britain's equestrian team for the Olympics in Rome. The show itself attracted some 400 competitors and 1,600 entries from a very wide area. Proceeds from the show went to societies for the blind and for spastics.

Shrewsbury: It was a boast in a bar that resulted in a cheque for £60 being handed to the local spastics society. A gardener was bragging in the bar of the Brooklands Hotel about what he could grow. Other gardeners in the bar thought they could show him a thing or two. The result was the flower show in the grounds of the Brooklands Hotel.

Luton: An open day was held recently by Luton and District Spastics' Society at their centre in Studley Road, Luton. Dr. Charles Hill, as President of the Society, welcomed the guests and spoke in praise of the work of the organising committee. Over 100 visitors saw the work of the physiotherapists and the speech therapists. They also had the opportunity of meeting some of the children and hearing tape recordings of the progress of their voices. Mr. Alan Monks, chairman of the Society, said that this was a wonderful opportunity for people to see where the money was going and what a lot of good it was doing. This was the fourth such occasion and each had been a resounding success.

Leeds: Co-operation between the Leeds and District Spastics Society and the Leeds Health Committee should soon result in the city having a specially designed spastic unit accommodating 40 children. The unit, subject to final sanction by the Minister of Health, will be built on to the existing Stanningley Occupational Centre. The Society put forward £15,000 towards a total cost of about £21,000 and the Health Committee agreed to provide the balance.

G.C.E. EXAM RESULTS

Thomas Delarue School

Josephine Rowan has passed in English at Advanced Level and Maths at Ordinary level.

Michael Beacham passed in French and Maths at Ordinary level.

Susan Helman passed in Maths, with high marks, at Ordinary level.

Mona Younis passed in English Literature and British and European History at Ordinary level.

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At the conference Dr. C. P. Stevens welcomes Prof. Paul Polani, the first Professor of Child Health Research in the world, and introduces him to the Press



Some of the members of the Press interviewing Professor Polani

WHEN a Society, like ours, has an important news announcement to make, it is usual to invite the Press to a conference. In that respect, the assembly at the Waldorf Hotel, in London on September 28, was a conference with a difference—for the newspapers themselves had asked that it should be held.

The original announcement of our £2 million research programme, coupled with the establishment of a professional Chair of research, had been made at an earlier Press meeting in July, at which time the name of the elected Professor could not be given. In response to requests from a number of newspaper correspondents, Dr. Stevens, presiding, gave the promise that a second conference would be called when the world's first professor of child health research could be introduced to them.

In the meantime, our President, H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, had graciously consented to his name being given to the Chair, and, as soon as the Queen had approved that it be called "The Prince Philip Chair of Pædiatric Research", the Director was able to convene the promised conference and announce both the name of the Chair and the election of its first occupant.

In the course of a welcoming speech, Dr. Stevens spoke of the honour that had come to the Society in the Chair being named after its Royal President—and then, asking Dr. Paul Polani to rise, he introduced him as the first Professor of Child Health Research in the world; and for the first time publicly spoke of him as "Professor Polani".

Then followed many questions from newspaper men and women, ranging from the lines of research that Professor Polani would direct and co-ordinate, to the degree of success that had attended the five years' work of the original research unit at Guy's Hospital.

One of the questions asked was: Does Professor Polani believe we are any nearer to discovering the causes or sure for C.P.?

He answered: C.P. is not a disease and not even a disorder—but a group of disorders. There is not one solution to the problem; there are as many solutions as there are

reasons for the disorders. For example, certain forms of severe jaundice leads to C.P. As a result of all this work you could prevent this particular type of C.P. by treating severe jaundice at birth.

Q: Who have you working in the new unit at the moment?

A: A neurologist plus an assistant, clinical workers, someone dealing with disturbances of perception and eye movements, a branch working on human chromosomes—cytogenetics, a good library and information service. This latter is essential as you need the eyes and ears of the world. With the great amount of publications it is extremely difficult to find the relevant articles.

Q: Is there one disorder which requires top priority because it is increasing?

A: No. Leukemia has been on the increase for the last 20 years, but C.P. is not on the increase. Although some kinds are on the decrease, other kinds are emerging.

The Press listened with especial interest to the Director's explanation that the research would be conducted on the broadest possible basis and that it must, to be effective, cover the whole field of congenital handicap. "We are happy to think that in the course of this intensive work," he said, "many of our findings will be of direct value to those concerned with disorders other than cerebral palsy, and to a fuller understanding of the normal child. In that way, this Society will be able to extend a practical 'thank you' to the public and, in particular, to the millions of members of the Friends of Spastics league who have been so outstandingly generous to us in our eight years of existence."

In the numerous Press reports, published on the following day, were references to the phrase often used by the new Professor and the Director, that another spastic child was born in Britain "every eight hours". Those notices served as a national introduction to the B.B.C.'s television showing of the N.S.S. film "Every Eight Hours" in its "Family Affairs" programme that same afternoon and which was followed by a ten-minute discussion between the programme producer, Dr. Stevens, Prof. Polani and Mr. A. Moira.

PROBLEMS OF ADJUSTMENT

By R. V. Saunders, M.A., B.Ed., Senior Educational Psychologist, Bristol Education Committee

I WISH to make it clear from the outset that the main assets of any school are the personalities of its staff, and the most important factor in education is the quality of the relationships established between staff and children.

Adjustment is really a two-way process:—child-teacher, and teacher-child. I intend here to concentrate on the child

end of the process.

I am not able to deal with the whole school age-range in a single sweep, but must treat it as two groups:—

(a) Young children—up to 10 years of age or thereabout.

(b) Adolescents.

Young Children:—I would like to refer you to the pamphlet Periods of Stress in the Primary School, published by the National Association for Mental Health. This outlines the new adjustments a child has to make on starting school, e.g., "It is often on going to school that the child first learns that his experiences do not necessarily coincide with those of his mother . . . Lacking power of expression . . . he finds that his mother does not enter immediately into his experience; this is new and strange and may be frightening for him. It may bring his first fully conscious realisation that he is in a sense isolated."

This pamphlet also makes some wise comments on the factors underlying the sometimes uneasy relationship between teachers and parents.

Adjustment to Reality:—As our children approach the 10-year mark they should be adjusting more and more to reality, be more and more able to judge the value and effectiveness of their efforts, ambitions and behaviour, in terms of the day to day reality of school life.

The controlled reality situation of school has a two-fold purpose:—

(a) to shelter children from the harsher reality of the outside world while they are still unprepared for it.

(b) to prepare them in controlled conditions for the hard

reality of the post-school world.

For the cerebral palsied child this reality adjustment should, by the age of 10 or so, include a fair appreciation of the limitations imposed on him by his handicap. This can be judged from the nature of his comments to his schoolmates, and to the staff of the school, and in his attitude to activities which are restricted by his disability.

This process is very important in the pre-adolescent stage, because if it is not sufficiently completed there will be breakers

ahead in adolescence.

The Adolescent:—Here I make reference to Adolescence by Dr. C. M. Fleming (publisher Routledge and Kegan Paul), (Chapter XI—Personal and Social Development)—"The adolescent who matures successfully may be said to be the one who achieves progress in four fields—

- 1. Acceptance of one's (individual) self—one's appearance and one's capacity.
- 2. Acceptance of oneself in relation to a group.
- 3. Acceptance of others (as individuals).
- 4. Acceptance of others in relation to oneself."

Of these four fields, the one that concerns most of us is the first—acceptance of one's self, one's appearance, one's physical, intellectual and vocational capacity. This seems to be the area in which cerebral palsied adolescents experience most difficulty and in which they require most support.

Our work is made lighter if the child feels secure in his relationships in home and school, because these will assist him to face his own reality situation with self-reliance and a feeling of being valued, and this should assist him in his social adjustment. Possibly the greatest difficulty will be with his vocational chances, not so much because he is not ready in himself, as because the community is not as yet properly organised to make use of his contribution in the conditions imposed by his handicap. It is important that he should be encouraged to see it this way.

If a cerebral palsied adolescent, because he lacks secure basic relationships, has not come to satisfactory terms with reality in the earlier stages of school life, he will find it even harder to make the adolescent adjustments necessary to make him an adequate member of the community, whether he can contribute vocationally or not. For the sake of his mental health, he should be given all possible individual support and group acceptance, to make him feel of value to others, at home and in school to begin with, and in the outside world to follow.

There comes a critical time for our pupils, when we have to decide whether we think they will be physically able to fend for themselves, hold down a job in the open market, and act as mature citizens. If we are doubtful about them, or believe that they will be unable to fend for themselves, we are faced with the problem of deciding on new educational, vocational and social aims for them, and also how to work towards these aims, particularly if the children are alongside others whose prospects are brighter.

In changing our objectives for these children, we must bear in mind the effect that the change will have on them and their families, prepare them for it, and secure their cooperation for the new programme. This is only to emphasise once more that education is a two-way process, with the child

an active participant.

Even though he may be limited in his acquisition of various skills, the child may yet gain great benefit from a whole range of aesthetic experience and expressive activities, and we should do our best to give him enough of these to fill his life with light and colour and harmony.

Conclusion

My main purpose today has been to raise issues for your discussion, not to supply you with cut and dried ideas of my own. I have done this deliberately, because I believe that every school has a soul of its own and deals with its problems in its own particular way. I would not have it otherwise, because I feel that we do our best work when the form of self-expression which it affords is the one most natural to ourselves. When this is the case with a school, it is only necessary for me to say in conclusion, as Polonius said to his son—"To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

DARESBURY HALL

Report on the Official Opening

ONE of the few sunny days this year was reserved for the official opening of Daresbury Hall. This exquisite Georgian house was once well-loved and often visited by Charles Ludwidge Dodgson, or better known as Lewis Carroll, author of "Alice in Wonderland", as his father had been the Rector of nearby Daresbury Parish Church. Today, were Alice to wander round the house and the spacious grounds she would still think herself to be in a wonderland—a wonderland for spastics.

Twenty-one young men are resident at Daresbury Hall, and enjoy their daily occupational therapy and handicraft. Although many are not able to make craft products individually, it has been proved that careful grouping enables a small team to produce good quality articles which are saleable. A good example of this is at the rug-making loom. Although no one could manipulate the loom alone, three or four together now weave fine woollen rugs.

One severely-handicapped young man who paints pictures with the help of a brush attachment to his boot, has made excellent progress during the nine months since he arrived. He has a real gift for painting and will shortly be attending local art classes.

The local people have become regular visitors and have taken Daresbury Hall to their hearts—one young man from Warrington goes regularly to the Hall to play his guitar. The active social life is stimulating to the residents.

Extensions

Daresbury Hall stands in about 16 acres of lovely grounds with a fine lake, and was bought, adapted and equipped at a cost of £66,000. The Warrington Group and other groups of the Society had selflessly contributed towards this cost.

Although the Centre had been run for well over a year, it was decided to wait until their new occupational and physiotherapy extension had been built before the official opening should take place.

Now two more building developments are under consideration with a view to doubling the residential accommodation. One is an extension to the main building that will accommodate the existing residents and make room for 24 female spastics in the main part of the Hall. Another is the building of a villa-type residence in the grounds to provide a home for eight spastics on the ground floor, with staff accommodation above. This small community would still take a full part in all the activities at the Hall.

The Opening

Hundreds of people, members, parents and friends crowded into the marquee set up in the grounds of Daresbury Hall to attend the official opening. Mr. George Evans, chairman of the management committee opened the proceedings and introduced the Rt. Hon. Dennis F. Vosper, M.P., Joint Under-Secretary of State to the Home Office. Mr. Vosper, who was accompanied by his charming wife, is a young man with an impressive personality.

He spoke of his long association with the Society which went back to the days when he had specific responsibility at the Ministry of Education for special schools for handicapped children. The development of these schools together with technical and secondary education had presented the greatest revolution in this field. As Minister of Health, a post which unfortunately ill-health prevented him retaining for very long, he had hoped to promote the establishment of more occupational centres for those considered to be beyond the border of education. Progress was now quickening and parents would also be helped by the new Mental Health Act.

The N.S.S. became "a most militant partner in these developments and deserved the utmost credit for its contributions". Mr. Vosper spoke of the Society's 12 residential schools and homes, 50 day centres and the recently contributed £100,000 towards the £2 million 10-year research programme—all from a £5 note.

He felt that this must constitute, in such a short space of time, an all-time record for any voluntary society's concern for sufferers from one single disease: he thought that at times the parents of other sufferers must sometimes feel a little envious.

"Yours is a great success story and I hope success will eventually be crowned by promising news from the research workers of Guy's Hospital and elsewhere about the causes and prevention of cerebral palsy. This more than anything else, would be the most welcome gift that could be bestowed upon your most energetic organisation."

"Some people say," added Mr. Vosper, "that all this work might have been done earlier but is it not true that as our



Courtesy: Warrington Guardian

An interested group watch Douglas Langford, a resident at Daresbury Hall, paint a scene with a brush attached to his shoe. From left to right: Mr. Dennis Vosper, The Mayoress of Warrington, Mrs. Vosper, Mr. F. W. Bellman, Miss M. Sexton, Mr. G. Evans



From left to right; Mr. F. W. Bellman, Warden; Mr. G. Evans, Chairman of the Management Committee; Dr. C. P. Stevens, Miss J. Garwood, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Vosper, Mrs. Stevens,

The Bishop of Stockport

own living standards rise so we appreciate all the more the claims of those who suffer from adversity? Is it not right as our living standards rise that we should share our good fortune with those less well endowed?"

As medical skill increased and the survival rate was raised the problems of welfare and treatment increased proportionately. Some people said that the State and local authorities should be responsible and the State certainly now provided a scheme of general insurance for the whole community a service which was once almost entirely the concern of vol-

Experience had shown that voluntary service if well equipped could be the pacemaker and provide specialised services over and above what the public authority had laid on. The N.S.S. was perhaps the most outstanding example of the 1950's.

His audience laughed when he quipped, "people seem to make their contributions more willingly than they do through taxation.'

He praised the great efforts and sacrifices of the people concerned who had placed spastics firmly in the public mind. "Voluntary organisations can still play a great part," he continued "and vour Society has done a great service in this respect."

He then went on to talk of the severely handicapped adults and the need to encourage them, that was the job the Society had undertaken at Daresbury Hall. Their concern was to provide care, treatment and occupation in pleasant surroundings and all these were to

be found in the Daresbury Hall community.

The house—one of the most beautiful in a county full of beautiful houses— was well-known to Mr. Vosper who had visited it often when it was a private residence. He congratulated Mr. Cheetham, the architect, and his associates for the alterations and for the new block which fitted in so well with the surroundings. All the latest devices for enabling the handicapped to do things for themselves had been installed and they were such an important part of mental and physical rehabilitation.

"This is a great day for you and for Cheshire," concluded Mr. Vosper, "and I have much pleasure in declaring the building open."

The Lord Bishop of Stockport, the Rt. Rev. David Henry Saunders-Davies, M.A., then conducted the service of dedication. (Continued on page 15).



EMPLOYMENT CORNER

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. A. Wynn, who has recently joined the Employment Department. She will be dealing particularly with boys and girls leaving school.

October brings a new list of young people who have found employment:

Frederick Barker, of Southall, Middlesex, who was previously at the Thomas Delarue School, has now obtained a position as storekeeper in a light engineering

Doris Dibley, of Denmark Hill, London, has been accepted for training at the Disabled Girls' Hostel, Denmark

William Forster, of Almondsbury, Bristol, is now working as a kitchen assistant at a University Hall of Residence.

Ted Hemmings, of Cheltenham, has been engaged as a housefather for the further education course at Colwall Court, Bexhill.

Andrew Hobson, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs., is working as a messenger with the Stockport, East Cheshire and High Peak Spastics Society.

William James, of Bognor Regis, has started work in the costing office of a local firm.

Dennis Marshall, of Sutton, is engaged in employment with an electrical firm.

Robert Tainsh, of Purley, has also started work with the same firm.

Gerald Wilson, of **Peterborough, Northants,** who was formerly at the Wilfred Pickles' School, is now process engraving with a photographic engraving company.



Margaret Relph vacuum cleaning one of the carpets at Irton Hall

Margaret Relph has been employed on the domestic staff of Irton Hall School since the beginning of June, and she has made such good progress that the headmaster of the school has asked us to find someone else just like Margaret! The photograph shows Margaret using their electrical equipment, which she has learnt to handle at the school. Margaret is now 20, and this is her first job and her first time away from home. In addition to her domestic work at the school, she has been receiving private reading lessons, and is making rapid progress. We feel that this should be an encouragement to other girls, who have not thought of living and working away from home.

ONE does not need to know how many Q.C.s live in the vicinity of Sale but undoubtedly the most successful "pleader" is the chairman of the Sale, Altrincham and District Spastics Society. Indeed,

such was the title given to Mrs. L. Stockdale by the Mayor at a recent dinner and the next day it was splashed right across the front page of the local

paper.

Sale has a day centre open three days a week and Saturday mornings, and caters for 30 children from the areas of Manchester, Sale, Altrincham, Hale and Knutsford

To buy, build, equip and staff such a centre, costs, as most people in the Society are very well aware, a great deal of money, time and energy—in varying proportions but still

in large quantities.

Firstly, one needs premises. Sale bought the solid family residence, Pictor House, standing on $1\frac{1}{3}$ acres of ground, in Harboro Road, at a cost of £4,500 in 1958 and had extensions built on a third of an acre to a cost of £10,000. The N.S.S. lent £2,500 and gave a grant of £2,500.

Originally the Sale committee was formed in 1953 by Mrs. Doris Brown, mother of a spastic boy. She and other mothers and their children met once a fortnight for half-a-day at the local welfare centre, due to the kindness of Cheshire County Council. Mrs. Stockdale took over, in 1955, and it was soon evident that they were trying to do the impossible in one room.

Ît also seemed impossible, however, to purchase Pictor House, but the money was raised and that it was a good buy, is

manifest today.

The main house is two-storeyed and partly converted into a self-contained caretaker's flat. The upstairs floor is cut off from the lower by a firescreen constructed to match the wooden panelling which lines the stairway and entrance hall. Bathroom, separate W.C., airing cupboard and three rooms are left on this floor and used for storage and the day nursery where the children have their naps.

Downstairs a porch with double doors leads into the hall with fitted carpet. To the left is the general office where prizes for fund raising are stored. On the right is a dining room with a hatch into the

large kitchen (staff dining room) which in turn leads into the well-fitted working kitchen. Here the children's meals are



Music and movement in the physiotherapy

PICTOR HOUSE

The Day Centre

of

Sale,

Altrincham and District

Spastics Society

prepared by two helpers under the supervision of Mrs. L. Davies, a butcher's wife. She sees that fresh meat is supplied daily. Drawers and cupboards are full to overflowing with all the equipment necessary for the children. Two, need special cutlery with big handles, others use doidy cups—these are sloped cups which fit into handled plastic con-

tainers. Special small chairs with protruding foot rests have been constructed for the younger children.

A kind person gave a Kenwood Mixer which has been put to very good use.

Enough orange juice is made and

sold to visitors to provide the children with free orange juice for one year.

Before leaving the old building to enter the new extension, one finds onself in the hub of the house. There, able to keep an eye on the kitchens, the main hall, the spacious clinic to the left—originally the ballroom—for the use of the children who are not able to benefit from the

occupational therapy, and the entrance to the modern building sits Mrs.

Stockdale, in her office.

Then on into the corridor of the modern building, the walls of which have been papered with two different gay wallpapers. To the right, a glass vestibule leads on to a tarmacked ramp and parking space so that the ambulance which transports the children can bring them right up to the door. Presented by Mr. Burnett of Mecca Ltd., the ambulance is driven by local ambulance drivers, in addition to eight voluntary drivers who also provide their own vehicles.

Further along the passage are the toilet arrangements, which include swing door W.C.s, and a sluice. To the left is a boiler room, store and the narrow speech therapy room with its own small

waiting lobby.

The far end of the building is one huge room, three sides of which are wide picture windows. Divided by a partition to form the occupational and physiotherapy rooms, on certain occasions this hall proves invaluable for large assemblies. Here too most of the children spend their day; the mornings with music and movement and later, school work, painting or in the case of one of the teenagers, weaving.

Local interest runs high. The Brooklands Gardening Society are going to adopt Pictor House, look after the gardens and provide all the seeds and plants; one old lady made the fantastic amount of 410 lbs. of marmalade in one year for the centre's use; following an advertisement in the local paper for a musical box, five were sent in, one being over 60 years old; neighbouring mills and

firms, offer lengths of material and people handy with a needle are invited to collect small quantities and work at home, making articles which are either used at

Pictor House or can be sold for fund raising. Those who do not have a sewing machine can use the

one at the centre.

Nearby Hale have now formed their own committee and is a sub-group of Sale. Through their numerous activities and interest the centre will benefit in many ways.

But it is in the overhead staff costs that the centre excels. Excluding Mrs. Stockdale and the kitchen staff, there are 22 voluntary helpers. Of these, two physiotherapists and four qualified teachers make up a week between them. Also helping are an ex-mayoress, a doctor, a qualified chemist, a child welfare worker, a social scientist, three S.R.N.s, a pianist, a cellist and a viola player. The two latter come one morning each week for the remedial music course which was planned by Miss Juliette Alvin (Secretary of the Society for Music Therapy and Remedial Music). Saturday mornings are reserved for speech therapy when the therapist, who pays all her own travelling expenses, gives treatment to those who need it. Staff works out at one for one. Once a month Mr. Sayle-Creer, Orthopaedic Surgeon at Salford Royal & Hope Hospital, and Dr. A. Holzell, paediatrician at Boothall Hospital pay a visit to Pictor House. Mrs. Holzell, also a doctor, is one of the volunteers who comes twice a week.

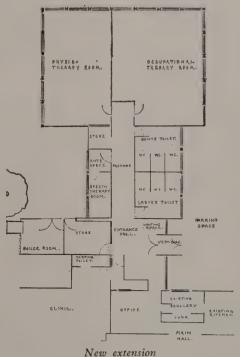
What of the future plans for this well-organised centre. On October 1 a full-time paid supervisor (an S.R.N.) took up her duties and she will relieve Mrs. Stockdale who will just pop in for an hour each day. It is hoped that starting in November they will be open five days each week.

Plans are in full swing for the added luxury of a swimming pool and a metal playpen, like the one at Brighton, to be supplied next year.

The most adventurous project, however, will be the night nursery. On the upper floor two night nurseries and an isolation ward will take flve or six children for one or two nights each week. This will allow the parents to go out together in the evening. In the case of a mother being ill, the child will be kept at Pictor House until she is better, secure



Morning activities in the occupational therapy room



in the knowledge that a competent night nurse is in attendance.

Pictor House gives an impression of quiet peace and a true well-knit family atmosphere. The children are neatly dressed and groomed and all make a charming effort to greet a visitor politely. In fact their good manners and appearance are marked.

One boy, before he attended the Sale centre was deemed ineducable and unsuitable for the occupational class. After two years he improved so considerably—he was taught to read and write—that

was sent to an ordinary school. His first term's report would do justice to any boy.

This happy place seems to generate its own light regardless of the dull climatic conditions outside, or as Milton has said, and so much more beautifully: "He that has light within his own clear breast

May sit i' th' centre and enjoy bright day;"

Driving away from Sale in their own ambulance, there could be no more fitting way to leave this delightful community than to see fastened in front of the driver's seat the message, "God grant to all who travel in this ambulance a safe journey."

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OPENING OF DARESBURY HALL

Dr. C. P. Stevens, Director of the N.S.S., gave a vote of thanks to Mr. Vosper.

Following the speeches, mementoes of the occasion were presented to the guests. Mr. Vosper and Mr. Evans each received a framed picture executed by the young man who paints with his foot. The Bishop of Stockport received a tray.

The ceremony over, the platform party looked over the new extensions and were followed by groups of guests who could not help but be impressed by the fine new workrooms, and the handiwork which the residents were doing. A very charming and typical touch for such open days was the immaculate grooming of the residents, set off by the brand-new fawn overalls worn by the occupational therapy class.

As the last guests drove away the residents were already settling down to their usual Saturday evening activities. The general feeling was that although Daresbury Hall had been in operation for over a year, at last they were well and truly open.

CHRISTMAS MONEY RAISING

Here are some ideas for fund raising
this Christmas sent by the Appeals Department. If it is
not new to you at least it may
ring a 'bell'

Seals

THIS is the busiest time of the year for everyone concerned with raising money. The Christmas seals, in particular, play a major part in the activities of the appeals staff of the N.S.S.

The preparation for this year's seals appeal began before the final donations for 1959 had been received. Designs for the seals are invited in January and four times as many as needed, are chosen. Then the selection of the most popular designs is made by the staff, which avoids any individual having to make the choice. In the correspondence of previous years there have been many suggestions from well-wishers as to the ways in which the Society could improve the Christmas appeal packing. This year an attempt has been made to use some of these suggestions, by including in the mailing of the seals, tie-on labels, gummed "From To" labels, and "Do not open" labels. All the designs are different and the amount which we should like to receive for each envelope is 10s.

In order to save annoyance and inconvenience to our subscribers, every effort is made to avoid duplication. Yet at the same time we expand the lists of prospective donors so that a basic number of selected names is always maintained.

There are a number of ways in which you can help increase the seals income. You can take them round to your friends at home or at work. If you do not want the entire packet pass them on to your friends, but please put in a note stating you are doing so, in case they have already received a supply from us and are inconvenienced by the duplication. This need only be the beginning. There are other ways of raising money during the festive season.

Carol Singing

Everybody loves to sing, so how about getting together with your friends and forming a carol singing party. The N.S.S. will supply you with the collecting tin and the necessary authority to invite donations. Sums collected may range from 5s. by a small group on one evening, to say £50 by an organised church or school choir going out round a large area, seven to ten days before Christmas.

Dances

How about persuading your friends to help you organise a Christmas dance. If you belong to a local youth committee, tennis club or in fact any organisation, so much the better, especially if they run regular dances. Perhaps one of these could be organised solely for the benefit of spastics, and with

a little effort probably be made the best event of the year. Extra funds can always be raised by asking local trades' people to give gifts for raffles, spot prizes or auctions. Of course, if sufficient prizes are given you might even run a lucky dip or a tombola.

Reacons

Remember too, the many spastics' collecting boxes and dolls in the shops, and that odd penny change you get at your local could go on the beacon. Your local has not got a beacon? Make a point of asking the landlord, "why not?" The Society would be delighted to send you one, and full details of the beacon club which is sponsored by Vera Lynn and Harry Secombe. And don't forget when you are playing darts or shove-halfpenny in your local, the losers should not only buy a round of drinks but also put a fine on the beacon.

Spastics' Handicraft Shop

You feel perhaps that you cannot help in any of these ways? Never mind, everybody must buy a Christmas present for somebody. Did you know that the National Spastics Society have a handicraft shop at 105 Oxford Street. Gifts made by spastics are available at prices ranging from 1s. to £1. Further details of this shop are appearing in next month's issue, but a price list of the goods available can be obtained from:

MISS M. DAVIES, Employment Department, 105 Oxford Street, London, W.1.

Christmas Cards

In addition to the cards actually printed by spastics, this year there is once again a very comprehensive range of cards available from Sundew Cards. With your encouragement let your friends have a share in their purchase. Their order can be included with yours or a separate order form will be sent to them if requested. Eight different series are available, three examples of which are illustrated on the opposite page. Christmas gift tags cost 6d. per packet for nine assorted designs.

Deed of Covenant

Just one last word, should you win the pools, or come into some money, a deed of covenant can bring considerable financial benefit to the Society!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Printed by Spastics all the Year Round







- 3. Father Christmas
- 5. Golliwog
- 1. Nativity Scene

THIS year's selection of cards printed by spastics are most attractive.

Printed in two colours, red and black, size 4in. by 5in., they are sold in packets of six with matching envelopes, at a cost of 2s. As well as the three reproduced above, two "olde worlde" scenes have been chosen and one classic with holly and candles. Something for everyone in fact. Packets can be supplied containing either one design or an assortment, direct from:

SUNDEW CARDS, 32 The Mall, Ealing, London, W.5.

Postage extra on orders under £3 0s. 0d. Cheques and P.O.s, etc., should be made payable to Sundew Cards.

Sundew Cards

The sale of these cards is in aid of spastics and the scheme run for the N.S.S. by Sundew Cards.

Obtainable in packets of six or twelve from the same address as above.

PRINTING COURSE

So successful has been the demand for Christmas Cards printed by spastics that a Home Printer's Course was organised to train others to undertake this work. Held at the Arundel Hotel from October 17-24, the course enabled those too heavily handicapped to be placed either in open industry or sheltered employment to earn money by working at home. In the majority of cases, their handicap precludes them from handling small type, so a system has been devised whereby all printing can be done by means of printers' blocks.

Trainees attended from all parts of Gt. Britain and received instruction from Mr. W. M. C. Hargreaves and Mr. T. Williams, a retired master printer who volunteered his services. Mr. Williams, who is at present a voluntary supervisor at the newly-formed work centre at Swansea, is very interested in this cause and hoped to teach some elementary compositing to those who could manage it.

The Christmas Card Printing Scheme, piloted by the N.S.S. Employment Department, has attracted much attention. Attending the course to learn how the scheme is run was Miss Gallacher,, from Scotland, who will be organising a similar scheme in Paisley.

SERIES R. 6 for 2s. 6d.

An unusual carol greeting in richly coloured and silvered traditional designs. Inside are full WORDS and MUSIC of the illustrated carol

SERIES A. 6 for 2s. 6d.

Charming coloured photographic studies of winter scenes with a simple greeting

SERIES T. 6 for 1s. 6d.

Seasonal design in rich colours with a few wellchosen words









The Old-Acre, Khan El Umdan



VOCATIONAL

By Miss M. R. Morga

[Last month Miss Morgan gave us an intimate account of her recent visit to Jerusalem. For this issue she has kindly written her official report. Our Employment Officer had the honour of being the only member of a voluntary organisation to be invited to the Seminar.]

CHOOSING the right job is very important for every boy or girl who leaves school, but it is especially so for those who are handicapped, whether physically or mentally. So important was it considered that 150 professors, doctors, psychologists, vocational guidance counsellors, employment officers, teachers, therapists and social workers from 15 different countries gathered at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem in August 1960, to discuss the various aspects of Vocational Guidance for the Handicapped.

The seminar was arranged under the auspices of the International Vocational Guidance Association, and a very full and interesting programme was organised by our colleagues in Israel. The Israelis certainly believed in working us hard, as sometimes the day's events started at 7.0 a.m. and did not finish until 10.0 p.m., without even half an hour for a siesta!

After the opening lecture on The Whole Personality Approach, given by Prof. Donald Super of Columbia University, the seminar dealt with six main topics, hearing talks by eminent people from all over the world, then discussing the subjects in small working groups and finally presenting the recommendations to the main conference.

Assessment of Work Potential as the First Step in the Vocational Rehabilitation Process

Talks were given on the use of psychological tests, the general appraisal process, and try out, observation and evaluation in a prevocational unit. In the discussions that followed it was obvious that both general intelligence and aptitude tests are much more widely used in some countries than in others, and opinion varied considerably on the use of personality and projective tests. It was generally agreed, however, that tests seem to be the best available means for determining intelligence and latent abilities, though some aptitude tests need to be adapted for specific handicaps.

The importance of the interview was also stressed, though it was admitted that it is often not possible to assess the potentialities of a handicapped person in one interview. The evaluation process is a continuous one, which should be started as early as possible and be carried out in a situation where the young person can be observed and tried out on different types of work.

This specialised evaluation should be undertaken by a team of professional workers, each of whom is an expert in one particular aspect. The composition of the team will vary according to particular requirements, but the importance of co-operation and joint consultation between members of the team was stressed throughout the seminar.

First Steps in the Vocational Guidance of the Handicapped Child

On this topic the subjects covered were the counselling and guidance of parents, and the educational and vocational guidance of both physically and mentally handicapped children.

Effective guidance of the handicapped child is impossible without more or less intensive work with his parents. The attitude of the parents is decisive for the development of the child's self concept and his adjustment to normal environment. Parents must be helped to recognise and face their basic attitude towards the child so that they can learn to achieve a realistic acceptance of him as a handicapped person. It was agreed that group work amongst parents was most helpful, as parents can share common problems and help each other to overcome their own particular difficulties. Similarly, publicity and every possible means should be used to combat and overcome the prejudices of the community.

The principles of continuous counselling and evaluation are fundamentally important when advising the handicapped child, and guidance and prevocational training should be part of all educational activities. The child should learn to live with his handicap in normal surroundings and to develop positive attitudes and character traits. Activities should be directed towards helping him to understand and accept his possibilities and limitations and then to adapt his aspirations to reality. Both he and his parents should be given information



And the New-The Hebrew University Campus at Givat Ram

GUIDANCE

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about the types of work which might be suitable for him, by talks and visits to factories, offices, etc.

At present the handicapped child and his parents are often given conflicting advice by different professional workers. It is essential to prevent this happening. It can only be avoided by ensuring that there is close team work and that one of the members of the team dealing directly with the child, should also have the responsibility for giving advice to the parents.

Vocational Guidance of Handicapped Adults

Different types of handicap were covered under this heading, including motor, sensory, medical and mental handicaps. In general, the emphasis was on adults who had acquired handicaps and needed readjustment and rehabilitation, as it was hoped that in time most of those who had congenital handicaps would have been adequately advised in childhood before leaving school.

It was agreed, however, that there was a great need for special facilities for the vocational guidance of handicapped adults and that these should include the provision of specially trained counsellors with suitable academic and practical knowledge, adequate training facilities and more outlets for employment.

Vocational Training and Placement

Lectures were given on each of the topics and were followed by lively discussion on the best methods of training and finding suitable jobs for different types of handicap.

The need for training is apparent, but often there are insufficient openings of the right type and the general employment situation must always be taken into consideration to ensure that there are sufficient vacancies for men and women who have been trained on specific jobs. The question of whether the handicapped should be trained in special units was also discussed fully, and it was agreed that in some cases special facilities, with specially trained staff were necessary if the handicapped were to benefit fully from the courses.

A campaign of publicity should be initiated to draw employers' attention to the qualities of disabled employees, and

more outlets for employment must be found by mass propaganda, canvassing employers and special placement on an individual basis.

There is a need, however, for many more special workshops for those who cannot compete in the free labour market, and it was emphasised that this provision should not be left for one body to undertake, but should be sponsored by the state, so that national resources can be enlisted and services coordinated.

The Interdependence of Vocational Guidance and Other Rehabilitation Services

This topic covered both the medical and social services, and in discussion it was found that provisions vary considerably in different countries and even within the same country, and that similar tasks are undertaken by a variety of different people. In spite of this diversity it was agreed that each had its part to play but a team approach was essential if both gaps and overlapping were to be avoided. All members of the team should be specially trained and fully informed both on the problems of the handicapped and on the requirements of industry and work in general.

The Co-ordination and Integration of all Services Dealing with the Handicapped

The existence of a wide variety of agencies dealing with rehabilitation was fully recognised, and these can be divided generally into governmental and voluntary. It was agreed that there is a place for all types of organisation, but was suggested that there should be closer co-operation and a greater awareness of the facilities provided by other bodies dealing with the same type of work.

Each handicapped person is entitled to facilities of the highest quality available, irrespective of the origin of the disability, and it was recommended that a directory of services should be published annually by the competent government agency and made available to all who are concerned with this work.

(To be concluded)

INTERNATIONAL STUDY GROUP OF CHILD NEUROLOGY AND CEREBRAL PALSY

A Multidisciplinary Gathering from ten countries in Oxford

By Dr. E. Clayton-Jones, Editor Cerebral Palsy Bulletin

THE Society's second Study Group on Child Neurology and Cerebral Palsy, held at St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford, from September 11 to 17, went off as well, if not better, than the first held two years ago, which was generally voted a success. These are scientific rather than merely medical gatherings, meant to bring together a manageable number of active experts, as distinct from figureheads, in the astonishingly wide variety of subjects encountered in the study of cerebral palsy and its growing ramifications. This year there were about 80 men and women there, representing no less than 18 different "disciplines". Paediatricians were in the majority, with 31, followed by neurologists (11), psychologists (6), and full-time workers on cerebral palsy (5) or physical medicine (4); but the remainder included psychiatrists, genetecists, a school medical officer (there should have been more), a biologist, an epidemiologist, an expert on electroencephalography (and E.M.G.), an orthopaedic surgeon, physiologists, a neurochemist, an embryologist, a lady from the B.C.C., a journalist (medical), and Dr. C. P. Stevens, who needs no description in these columns. Finally, there were the hardworked ladies of the secretariat (4). Most of them were British, but there were 9 Scandinavians, 3 from Holland, 2 Americans, and other from South Africa, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany and Italy. A truly international and interdisciplinary gathering, loosely linked—like the British Commonwealth—by common interests and friend-

The Study Group again was largely planned and organised by Dr. Ronald MacKeith and Prof. Paul Polani. The subjects, for discussion, and the decisions on who should speak about what were a natural extension from the 1958 Study Group, but they were worked out in detail at a preliminary conference at Groningen, Holland, in July. One morning the party motored the 25 miles to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, where Dr. E. Guttman, its Director, showed them over the Spinal Rehabilitation Centre; like some N.S.S. Centres, they make considerable use of the swimming-pool, which was seen in action. Another day the party went down the road to the Radcliffe Infirmary, where the physicians had staged a demonstration of cases.

This Study Group illustrated how the search for clues to the causation, prevention and management of cerebral palsy and allied conditions is being carried further into the fields of child neurology and developmental medicine. In his foreword to the Study Group's handbook, Dr. Stevens foresaw that one of the Society's next steps in research will be to extend its work into the educational field, to parallel what it is already doing, and planning to do, on the medical side.



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The Panel

The Viscountess Lewisham. Mary Grieve, Editor of Woman. Gerald Cook, Art Editor of Daily Express.

Norman Hall, Editor of Photography. Tom Hustler, Director of Dorothy Wilding Portraits Ltd.

Stephen McAdden, C.B.E., M.P.

Rules

The competition is in four sections, and photographs should be submitted on glossy paper. No size is specified but, naturally, the larger the print the better, as this will help the judges.

Address your entries to: Photographic Competition, SPASTICS NEWS, 28 Fitzroy Square, London, W.1.

Please write your name and address on the back and state for which section you wish to enter your photograph.

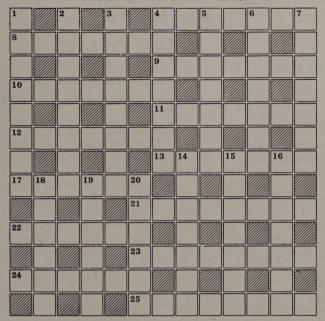
- 1. FOR SPASTICS ONLY—This section will be confined to any subject taken by spastics, adult and children.
- 2. ABOUT SPASTICS—This is open to any reader whether he or she be a spastic or not, but the photographs submitted under this heading should only be about spastics, showing them at work
- 3. MOST UNUSUAL—This is open to any reader and will be judged entirely on its originality.
- 4. JOLLY HOLIDAY SNAP—Open to any reader and should give some good opportunities for those who have never used a camera before.

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes must be won in each section. The main prize of the Horizon Holiday will go to the photograph, considered by the panel, to be the best one in any class.

Each month a prize of one guinea will be given for each photograph published in Spastics News.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 6

(Solution in November issue)



ACROSS

In part a star but in all a mere parvenue. 7. "When in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes

A red centre-piece for part of the altar. 7.

To fit Esau, her suit needs but little alteration. 7.

10.

The tongue of Confucius! 7. Iris in the bath? Nonsense! 7. Poetical locks. 7.

12.

13.

Appalling error to give one pause in part. "To prick the sides of my intent, but only

22. 23.

Valuting ambition, which itself". Macbeth. 8. A mere fragment of the code. 6. "Bit a lion." Anag. 8. Umpteen perhaps but in a high wind there's only one altern-24.

Fitting hide-outs for those "on the run". 8.

He succeeded King Darnley. 8.

The source of caviare. 8. Treat with the U.S.A. and soak. 8.

The curt disruption of an old Treaty site.

"He stared at the Pacific and all his men Look'd at each other with a wild" Keats. 7.

Artists, yes, though they use but the palate.

Indeed to goodness it's savoury! 15.

Respect for the supernatural! 7. 16. One escapade to make the most of. 7.

Even pressure has its own line in the imagination. 6. Such a one was D'Artagnan. 6.

Does it make her heavy-headed 6.

Group Alterations

New Official:

THE PLYMOUTH SPASTIC (C.P.) ASSOCIATION

Hon. Secretary: G. E. WANNELL, Esq., 16 Orchard Road, Beacon Park, Plymouth.

Correction:

SOUTH EAST LONDON GROUP

The telephone number of the Secretary, Mr. Hooker, should be: HIThergreen 5742.

Temporary Change:

URMSTON & DISTRICT GROUP

Please address all correspondence until further notice to: Mrs. E. HUGHES, 1 Beechfield Avenue, Flixton, Urmston, Manchester.

Classified Advertisements

SITUATIONS VACANT

ADMINISTRATOR OR SUPERVISOR, one post, day centre for spastics, Wishaw, Lanarkshire, Male or Female, age about 35/45, must be experienced in initiating and organising complete daily routine, effective control and supervision of all Staff essential. Active, of good physique, character and appearance. Medical qualifications in addition to foregoing an advantage but not necessary. Top grade salary for suitable applicant will be offered. Replies before October 28 to:

The Secretary, Reference A/S, The Alexander Anderson Home for Spastics, 18 East Thornlie Street. Wishaw, Lanarkshire.

SENIOR PHYSIOTHERAPIST at the new unit for the treatment of cerebral palsied children at Newport, Isle of Wight.

Replies to:

Superintendent Physiotherapist, Dept. of Physical Medicine, Isle of Wight Group Hospital Management Committee, 19 Partlands Ave., Ryde, I.o.W.



REQUEST CORNER

MR. P. D. R. HUTCHINGS, of Worcs., would like to buy a second-hand invalid's carriage for his spastic sister, whose incapacity is not bad enough to prevent her from controlling a vehicle of this

Would anybody with one for sale, or able to put Mr. Hutchings in contact with someone who could help him, please write to the following address:

> Dudshill Court, Upper Sapey,

PEN FRIENDS WANTED

THE FOLLOWING YOUNG LADIES would very much like to hear from other boys and girls of their own age: -

Miss Linda Jeffries (18 yrs.), Denman Arms, 86 Denman Road, Peckham, S.E.14. Miss S. Round (16 yrs.), 30 Hawes Road,

Fullbrook, Walsall, Staffs.

Miss Round's hobbies are: cooking, Nr. Clifton-on-Teme, Worcs. sewing, cycling, writing and babysitting.

N.S.S. Regions

Disposition of the Groups

Eastern Region

(Harry G. Knight, 58 Park Road,

Peterborough,

Northants. Tel: Peterborough 67045)

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Grimsby, Cleethorpes and District Spastics Society

Ipswich Branch

Leicester and Leicestershire Spastics Society

Lincoln Branch

Mansfield and District Friends of Spastics

Norfolk and Norwich Spastic Association Northampton and County Branch

Nottingham Friends of Spastics Group (Sub-Committee of Nottingham District Cripples Guild)

Peterborough and District Group Scunthorpe and District Spastic Society Stamford Branch

Midland Region

(Officer to be appointed in 1960)
Cannock Chase Spastic Association
Coventry and District Spastics Society
Dudley and District Spastic Group
Ludlow and District Spastics Society
North Staffordshire Spastic Association
Shrewsbury and District Spastics Group
Stafford and District Spastics Association
Worcester and District Branch

North Region

(Roland J. F. Whyte and Thos. H. Keighley, N.S.S. Trevelyan Chambers, 7 Boar Lane, Leeds, 1. Tel: Leeds 33933)

Barnsley and District Association
Birkenhead Spastic Children's Society
Blackburn and District Group
Blackpool and Fylde Spastic Group
Bollington, Macclesfield and District
Bolton and District Group
Bradford and District Branch
Castleford Spastics Group
Chester and District Spastics Association
Crewe and District Spastics Society
Crosby and District Spastics Society
Cumberland, Westmorland and Furness
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Darlington and District Spastics Society

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Spastics Society

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Warrington and District Group for the Welfare of Spastics

Widnes Spastic Fellowship Group York and District Spastics Group

Northern Home Counties Region

(Robert C. Lemarie, Woodlands,

1 Melbourne Road, Bushey, Herts. Tel: Bushey Heath 1346)

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Group South London Group South-West London and District Group

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(John J. Walch, St. John House, Park Street, Taunton, Somerset. Tel: Taunton 81678)

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